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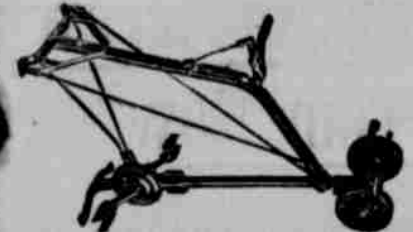
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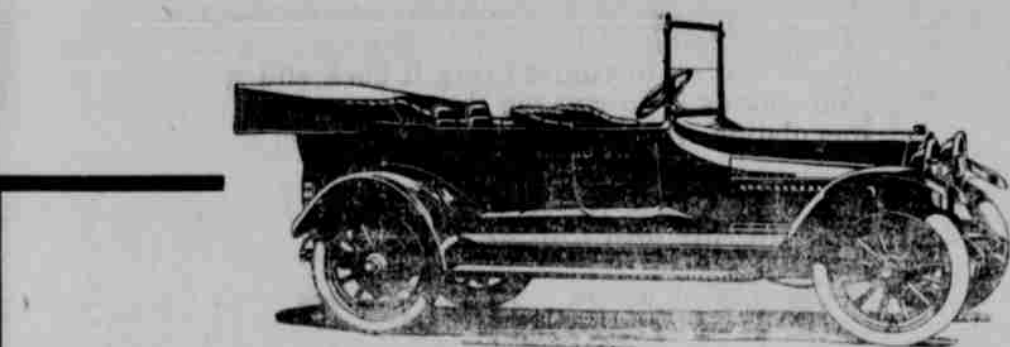
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SUGAR CO.'S PROSPECTS FINE

According to the last monthly report of the Sugar Co. the prospects of finishing one of its finest campaigns this year, are indeed excellent.

Total tons beets sliced	37,338 03
Days of slicing	31
Average tons sliced per day	1,206 06
No. employees in factory	206
No. employees in Pulp Drier	30
No. employees on yard	22
No. employees in office	8
No. of Field men	14
Total	280

Payroll for beets for Oct. \$276,000
Last Labor Payroll \$15,535

LOCAL NEWS

Violins and strings at Porter's and Miss Hannah Peterson spent Sunday with Stanton friends.

Mrs. O. F. Mey of St. Louis came to Alma on business Friday.

Robert McNabb and wife visited friends in North Star Sunday.

E. R. Griffith left Tuesday for Florida where he will spend the winter.

Hon. C. W. Giddings of St. Louis was an Alma caller Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Hayward spent Sunday with relatives at Fox Grove.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, Osteopathic Physician, Vermuelen Block, Union phone 47.

Bruce Failing and wife visited the former's parents at Forest Hill Sunday.

Albert Maier visited Saginaw friends Sunday returning Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Converse spent Sunday at Mr. Converse's brother's in Shepherd.

Miss Flora Roberts of Saginaw was the guest of Mrs. E. G. Sluyter over Sunday.

Mrs. Chester Hamilton of Fenton spent Sunday with her daughter, Miss May Hamilton.

Carl Racy, employed at Miller's Grocery, spent Sunday with his parents in Greenville.

Scientific methods of eye testing a Porter's adv.

Chas. Williams has the frame up for a house on Elwell Street, at the head of State Street.

M. L. Perrigo returned Monday from Detroit bringing with him two new Studebaker Sixes.

Miss Minnie Chisholm who lives at A. R. Smith's, entertained Dr. Wedge of Detroit over Sunday.

Miss Vernice Lipley of St. Louis stopped in Alma Friday enroute for Ypsilanti to visit friends there.

Geo. Katenhus of Forest Hill purchased a new Studebaker Six from the local salesman, M. L. Perrigo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sterling returned from Chicago last Friday, where they have been visiting friends for some days.

As we go to press we are informed that Frank Sloan, one of Pine River's prominent farmers, is ill and in a very critical condition.

Henry Mosley, a former student of the college now a teacher in the High School at Pompeii, called at J. Barton's the first of the week.

Mrs. W. E. Baker, with her two children, is visiting Mrs. Baker's mother at Detroit, and friends at Flint. They will remain a week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall and Miss Eva Barnes spent Sunday with friends at Charlotte, taking in the Alma-Olivet game at Olivet on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Udell, residing near Ithaca, spent Sunday in Alma and Monday attended the funeral of Mrs. Herschel White near Forest Hill.

For high grade watch work go to Porter's. Two doors south of Ellisons.

The 9th District Dental Society will hold a meeting at Mt. Pleasant Monday, November 22nd. Drs. Pringle, Gill and Beshgetoor are expecting to attend.

The Republic Truck Co. have a very handsome page advertisement in Collier's Weekly of November 20th, advertising their one, two and three ton trucks.

Will Sullivan and Dan VanDermark and families, who made the trip to San Francisco in their autos, returned last Friday. All are well and report an elegant trip.

Word has been received from Mrs. D. P. Castor, formerly of this place, that they have changed their residence from Emerson, Washington, to Goshen, Washington.

Warren Hawes and wife of McBain who have been in Alma for a few days attending to the funeral of Dennis Hawes, a brother, returned to their home last Tuesday.

Several prominent Muskegon Heights business men including the Mayor of the city, were in Alma last Thursday looking over the property of the Gratiot County Gas Co. A local company is being organized there and the Alma plant will be the model.

Last Friday night at about 10:30, some of the peaceful people were awakened on State Street by the shot of a revolver. There being no further disturbance, no alarm was given.

On Saturday morning it was discovered that the shot was fired through the window at Mrs. Stanard's living room. What the object was or whether it was accidental still remains a mystery.

On Thursday last, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney purchased and took possession of the Ladies' Cloak and Dress Store of Mrs. P. J. Adams in the Gaffney Block. Mrs. Gaffney will have a clearing sale, after which she will put in an up-to-date stock of Ladies' Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Hosiery, Corsets, etc. Mrs. Gaffney is a very successful business woman and her success in this new venture is an assured fact.

The Young People's Dancing Club gave a fine party last Friday night in the Weese Hall. There were about 20 couples present and excellent music was rendered by a four piece orchestra. Among the out-of-town guests were the Misses Margaret and Lucile McCormick, Elsie Barden, and Margaret Ping, all from Ithaca. Every-one reported a very enjoyable time.

G. B. Hicks of Owosso, representing the Roman Standard Life Insurance Company, transacted business in Alma on Monday.

Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Farm financing and management become more and more important under modern conditions. There is the high priced land for one consideration, and there are new standards of business and living which tend to commercialize farming as well as all other vocations.

The financial side of agriculture must be kept to the fore. Experience in selling farm commodities soon shows the folly of depending on a single crop or any single interest, such as wheat, corn, milk, pork, fruit or poultry. Frequently it happens that there is overproduction of certain crops so that prices are too low for profit. But

the average will be fair, and with eight or ten products to depend on a satisfactory farm income will be assured. Crop prices fluctuate widely from year to year. Even in the same season certain districts receive high returns, while others show losses. No single crop or product is safe against unfavorable conditions at times. Therefore diversification is the best assurance against heavy loss. For example, if potatoes or beans are low in price they need not be sold at once if there are a number of other products with which to meet expenses and payments. It may be better to consume the low priced products on the farm than to haul them to market.

Feeding to poultry, hogs and cattle will at any time make potatoes worth 50 cents a bushel. With a large crop of tubers on hand at a time when the market is extremely low it is entirely feasible for any farmer to cut down the grain rations in poultry house and barn and substitute boiled potatoes. Beans could be added and the crop consumed entirely at home. Many other articles will work into such a plan. It will even pay to buy young pigs and steers for the purpose of making profitable use of potatoes and root crops, especially carrots, rutabagas and sugar beets. Animals generally, as well as chickens, ducks and geese, will consume these vegetables to advantage. Mixed with bran, middlings or corn meal, potatoes form a palatable and wholesome diet, and the farmer is enabled by this substitution to sell a large proportion of his corn crop. Each farm should also produce a number of crops in the vegetable line, such as cabbage, onions, cucumbers, celery, etc.

A number of vegetables lend themselves to any canning scheme on the farm and thus may be saved from waste or low markets. Canning puts the financial touch upon various fruits and garden crops which otherwise would amount to nothing. One may plan to eliminate waste by a little study along this line. The ordinary farm family can manage a canning outfit and thus secure a new source of revenue.

In urging diversification for both large and small farms I suggest ten or twelve distinct products, which must be arranged so as to distribute the labor as evenly as possible. It is in this respect that many farmers are weak, and it is observed that settlers in the new agricultural areas of western and southwestern states have yet to learn important lessons on this subject.

When agricultural districts are developed so rapidly that economic forces do not have time to properly act the result is a very imperfect scheme of farm organization. One cause of this is the extreme profitability of certain crops for a few years and the consequent development of farms on the basis of a single enterprise. Coupled with this one sided organization land prices are often forced so high that an intensive form of agriculture is necessary when only a fairly extensive type of farming should prevail. It is these single crop farmers who are the greatest sufferers in years of low prices for their special products. Aside from better use of labor and land, mixed farming is one of the surest safeguards against total failure.

Cut Out Dead Wood.

Dead or decaying wood of any fruit plant should be removed as soon as it is noticed. It matters not what the season may be. Such wood harbors disease and insect pests that will spread to healthy parts of the tree and to neighboring trees.

Grumbling.

It is the easiest thing in the world to be dissatisfied. Anyone can do it as the phrase goes, without thinking. But those who really think must agree with Ansel, the philosopher. He counsels thus: "Despise not your situation. In it you must act, suffer and conquer. From every point on earth we are equally near to heaven and the infinite."

Frank Leland of Forest Hill is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Joe Kamp, who has been very ill for some weeks, is recovering.

W. B. Ludwig of Ithaca was in Alma on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pollasky visited friends at Carson City last Sunday.

Miss Margie Chadwick of Toledo is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chadwick, this week.

Mrs. L. N. Baker and Miss Louise Hood spent Monday with friends at Saginaw.

W. F. Adams of Grand Rapids was in Alma last Monday on business with the Alma Driving Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grover are now nicely located in the Holiday house on South State Street.

R. B. Wagner, Secretary of the Gratiot County Gas Co., was in Saginaw Monday on business.

Mrs. C. Flewelling entertained her daughter, Mrs. J. Tawell and friend Mrs. Hatch of Detroit, and another daughter, Mrs. J. H. Jones of Durand last week.

The Record Job Department is turning out a very handsome 125 page cook book for the O. E. S. Society of Shepherd.

Bert Hayes of Schoolcraft, a former resident of Alma, spent Sunday with Alma friends here. Mr. Hayes is in the drug business at that place.

Frank W. Rogers and wife of Cadillac spent Sunday with Chet Benedict and family. Mr. Rogers is very much impressed with Alma and Gratiot Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blesch visited Mrs. Blesch's people at Barryton last week and incidentally Geo. looked after some coal business in that section of the state.

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